**REMARKS** 

Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed

October 6, 2004, in which claims 3-10 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, claims 1-2 are cancelled, claim 7 is revised and new claims

11-18 based on indicated allowed claims 3-10 are presented. The phrase "confirmation

frame" is changed to "request frame" as this is the terminology used in claim 7. The new

claims are written in the standard U.S. method format and recite the allowed features of

claims 3-10. Accordingly, claims 3-18 are pending in the instant application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that

the rejections of record be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating

that claims 3-18 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of

this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to

arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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